

News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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Rejoice! Bishop Ordinations on the Feast of St John Henry Newman

Watch the Bishop Ordinations

Friday 9 October, the Feast Day of St John Henry Newman, will be one of great celebration in the Archdiocese.

Canon Stephen Wright and Canon David Evans will be ordained Auxiliary Bishops in a ceremony at St Chad's Cathedral.

All are welcome to watch the service online.

Please keep Canon Stephen and Canon David in your prayers.

[Watch the live stream from St Chad's](#)

Support CAFOD this Family Fast Day

CAFOD is launching a series of online events for Family Fast from 8-11 October.

This is a Harvest like no other, and while we face severe challenges at home, our sisters and brothers in some of the world's poorest communities desperately need our help too.

Join together in prayer and community while helping the most vulnerable.

Sign up for a Eucharistic Celebration with Bishop Peter Brignall, a Global Family Food event, a quiz, Prayer and Reflection with Bishop John Arnold, an online assembly, Children's Liturgy and an update from international experts.

Join CAFOD

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

This year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will take place on Sunday 1 November at St Chad's Cathedral.

Although the service cannot accommodate large numbers due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic couples are encouraged to join virtually.

The 12noon Mass will be celebrated for all married couples - especially those celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020.

Find out how to get involved if you're celebrating in 2020

Pope Francis publishes third encyclical letter

Fratelli Tutti is the title Pope Francis has chosen for his encyclical letter dedicated to "human fraternity" and "social friendship". It was published on Sunday 4 October.

[Find out more about new letter](#)

Three Wise Camels - a new Christmas musical!

Camelia, Humphrey and Samson are Three Wise Camels who set out on what proves to be the most exciting excursion of their lives!

Seen through the camels' eyes, the musical reveals truths about the costly gifts of the Three Kings as they follow the extra-bright star which guides them along

their way to Bethlehem where, to their amazement, they discover that the gifts are for a little boy.

Written by Roger Jones of Christian Music Ministries during lockdown.

[Buy: Three Wise Camels](#)

Dementia Support Group for Children

Please see attached poster for full details, hosted by Birmingham Irish Association.

Investment for a green recovery: Innovation in impact investing

21 October 2020, 4 - 5.30pm

This webinar will give an overview of how Catholic religious orders, dioceses and other organisations can divest from the fossil fuel industry and support a just recovery from Covid-19.

It will also be an opportunity to find out why the Vatican recommended divestment from fossil fuel companies in June 2020.

[Register for Green Recovery Webinar](#)

Reopening our Churches

The majority of churches across the Archdiocese remain open for individual prayer and/or public worship.

Churches may open at different times and on different days and you are advised to check the parish website, or call ahead, to ensure it is open before you travel.

All parishes have undertaken a thorough Risk Assessment before opening.

When you visit a church please follow the guidance in place to ensure safety at all times.

[Churches reopening](#)

Live Masses Online

Live streaming of Masses continues at St Chad's Cathedral.

If your parish does not offer a live streaming facility please join us.

Online Masses at St Chad's

Dates for your Diary - online events

To 22 Oct. [Scripture Online Weekly Sessions: An event for Young Adults aged 18-35, by Jesuit Young Adult Ministries](#)

To 10 Dec. [Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters](#)

Oct and Nov. [CELEBRATE Back to Basics](#)

14 Oct. [Divine Renovation webinar: Building Teams](#)

19 - 23 Oct. [The Medaille Trust host a series of Anti-Slavery events](#)

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Supporting Your Parish

You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic.

Parishes still greatly need your support, even more so without their weekly congregations and visitors.

We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so.

You can donate via standing order or single donation.

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